

dry milk for the refugees of Bangla Desh in India; and

(b) if so, when these articles will reach India?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) and (b). The Government of Sweden has pledged an amount of 4.5 million dollars as Swedish contribution for relief for the refugees from East Bengal; there has been no specific offer of these commodities.

Licence for Starting A Sugar Factory on Cooperative Basis at Dadri District Bulandshahr U. P.

5624. **SHRI HARI SINGH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a co-operative society of Dadri, District Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh) has asked for a licence to start a sugar mill on co-operative basis from Government of India; and

(b) if so, the cause of delay in issue of the licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) An application was received in May, 1961 for the grant of an industrial licence for the establishment of a cooperative sugar factory at Dadri, District Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. This application has since been rejected.

(b). Does not arise.

Decline in Prices of Foodgrains and Due Price to Agricultural Producers

5625. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government to the reported decline of prices of foodgrains all over India in the wake of heavy rains, and uncertain political situation in the same parts which tightens the money condition; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to give due price to the agriculture producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE): (a) The recent fall in prices of foodgrains is mainly on account of increased level of production of foodgrains.

(b) Government are already making massive price support purchases at the procurement prices which are remunerative to the producers.

Registration of Names With Employment Exchange in Birbhum, West Bengal

5626. **SHRI GADADHAR SAHA:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated and uneducated persons of the District of Birbhum in West Bengal, who have got their names registered in the Employment Exchange in Birbhum since 1970 up-to-date; and

(b) the number of persons both educated and uneducated so far registered who obtained assistance in securing employment, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) and (b). The available information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Category of job-seekers	No. of registrations effected during 1st January, 1970 to 30th June, 1971	No. of placements effected during 1st January, 1970 to 30th June, 1971
1	2	3

1. Uneducated (Below Matric including illiterates)

17,038

3,224